

Hermann Oheim House
Kimmswick, Mo.

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HERMANN-OHEIM HOUSE

S.W. Cor. Fourth & Market Sts., Kimmswick, Jefferson Co., Mo.

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Physical Data

Present owner: Mr. John Oheim - a descendant.

Present occupant and use: Week-end house.

Description (present condition)

Wall construction: Half-timbered, brick fill (fachwerk).

Size and form: 23'-10 $\frac{1}{2}$ " x 32'-2 $\frac{1}{2}$ ", rectangular.

Number stories: One with basement and attic.

Front porch: None. Rear porch: None.

Exterior openings, windows: Double hung, 12-light with shutters.

Exterior openings, doors: Front door, glazed 4-light with 2 vertical panels; west door, glazed 6-light and 2 panels, transom.

Cornice: Timber joist ends (projecting about 6") and stucco.

Roofing: Asphalt shingles, new.

Chimneys: Brick, stuccoed.

Interior

Floors: Wood, stained and varnished.

Doors: 4-panel, wood.

Trim: Plain wood, stained and varnished.

Mantels: None.

Stairways: To attic, simple, straight run, no railing.

Plasterwork: Plain, walls and ceiling.

Additions and alterations:

The original roof of 1 meter oak shakes was recently replaced by asphalt shingles; new roof sheathing was applied at the same time.

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The second brick chimney was built when a hot-air furnace was added recently.

The west entrance to the beer cellar was recently rebuilt. The beer cellar was apparently built in 2 sections, the earliest consisting of the east 12 feet. This first section had no opening on the west.

The present frame brew shed was built recently by John Oheim and is patterned after the original shed removed some time before.

Adjoining buildings: A frame brew shed and sub-terranean stone barrel-vaulted beer cellar adjoin the house.

Present condition: Good. Building is carefully maintained by the present owner.

Historical Data

Year of erection: 1859.

Built for (first owner): Franz Anton Hermann.

Architect or designer: Unknown.

Built by: Unknown - local labor.

Original intended use: Residence with brewery adjoining.

Notable events and occupants:

Franz Anton Hermann, a brewer, descended the Mississippi River from Minnesota, settled in the river town of Kimmswick, and engaged in the brewing business. He lived and worked here for about 20 years.

The property and brewery then passed into the hands of the Oheims (approximately 50 years ago) and for a number of years the business was continued by the Oheims and various partners. For the last 25 years, the property has been the possession of John Oheim, a descendant, and it is now used by him as a week-end house.

The beer cellar was apparently constructed in two sections judging from the continuous joint occurring 12'-11" from the east wall. A granddaughter of the Hermanns, (Mrs. F. B.) Teresa M. Gottschalk, 5217 Magnolia Ave.,

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Chicago, Illinois, states that the beer cellar was built at the beginning of the Civil War, and since it then had no opening other than that into the basement of the house, it was used as a storage place for valuables and its entrance concealed when the family was forced to flee to the fort for safety.

The mother of Mrs. Gottschalk stated that the present house is just as she knew it when she lived an exciting life there a number of years ago.

References:

Mr. John Oheim, County Office, Title Insurance Corp. of St. Louis, 7907 Forsythe, Clayton, Mo., present owner and descendant.

Mrs. F. B. (Teresa) Gottschalk, 5217 Magnolia Ave., Chicago, Illinois, a granddaughter of the Hermanns whose mother lived in the house. (Letter to Mr. C. E. Peterson, December 6, 1939.)

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